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Fort Wayne, Indiana

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, funding, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- > Population (2000 Census): 205,727
- ➤ Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 73.1% white; 17.2% black/African American; 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.5% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 1.8% two or more races; 5.8% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- Fort Wayne is located in Allen County.

Politics

- ➤ Mayor: Graham Richard²
- City Council: John N. Crawford (At Large); Samuel J. Talarico (At Large); Rebecca J. Ravine (At Large); Tom Smith (1st District); Donald J. Schmidt (2nd District); Thomas C. Henry (3rd District); Thomas E. Hayhurst (4th District); Tim Pape (5th District); Glynn A. Hines (6th District)
- Fort Wayne Police Chief: Russell P. York³
- ➤ Allen County Sheriff: James A. Herman⁴

Programs/Initiatives

➤ Fort Wayne AIDS Task Force⁵

The program provides education along with information regarding other sexually transmitted diseases and substance abuse to youth and adult females at-risk living in communities of color.

Federal Funding

- ➤ Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁶
 Since 1999, there has only been one Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantee in Fort Wayne. During FY 1999, the United Way of Allen County received \$90.363.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁷
 Fort Wayne has received Federal funding and has been officially recognized as a Weed and Seed site.
- ➤ There were no FY 2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Discretionary Funds awarded to Fort Wayne. 8
- ➤ There were no Fort Wayne recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.⁹
- Fort Wayne did not receive any methamphetamine funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. 10
- ➤ Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant amounts received in Fort Wayne during FY 2001:¹¹
 - \$79,525 to Three Fountains Cooperative of Fort Wayne Inc.
 - \$125,000 to Antioch Joint Venture

- > FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received by Fort Wayne recipients: 12
 - \$296,387 in formula funds
 - \$1,725,999 in discretionary funds

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

During 2001, there were 111 arson offenses. ¹³ This number increased to 117 during 2002. ¹⁴ Between January to June 2003, there were 60 arson offenses in Fort Wayne. ¹⁵

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, Fort Wayne, 2001-June 2003

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Offenses	Full Year 2001	Full Year 2002	Jan-June 2003	
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	23	24	11	
Forcible rape	92	113	63	
Robbery	609	454	177	
Aggravated assault	348	255	131	
Burglary	2,013	2,030	1,007	
Larceny-theft	9,016	8,268	3,865	
Motor vehicle theft	1,190	1,008	388	
Arson	111	117	60	
Crime index total	13,291	12,152		

- ➤ During 2002, the Vice and Narcotics division of the Fort Wayne Police Department made 1,288 arrests. This was an increase from the 779 arrests during 2001. During 2000, the Vice and Narcotics divisions made 1,619 arrests. ¹⁶
- ➤ During 2002, the Vice and Narcotics division of the Fort Wayne Police Department made 657 narcotic-related charges. ¹⁷

Vice/Narcotics Drug-Related Statistics, Fort Wayne Police Department, 2000-2002

	2000	2001	2002
Attempted drug buys	991	435	468
Drug buys	360	325	382
Total narcotic-related charges	668	515	657

➤ During 1997, there were 1,280 drug abuse violations in Allen County. This number increased to 1,402 during 1998. ¹⁸

Drug/Alcohol Arrests, Allen County, 1997-1998

Arrests	1997	1998
Drug abuse violations	1,280	1,402
Driving under the influence	4	5
Liquor law violations	340	485
Drunkenness	897	1,125

Drugs

➤ Cocaine¹⁹

Crack cocaine is primarily available in urban areas of Indiana such as Fort Wayne.

➤ Heroin²⁰

Heroin use has increased in urban areas of Indiana such as Fort Wayne. Mexican black tar and brown powder heroin are the only types of heroin available in Fort Wayne.

➤ Methamphetamine²¹

Methamphetamine produced in Mexico and southwestern states are the dominant forms of methamphetamine available in Fort Wayne.

➤ Club Drugs²²

MDMA, ketamine, and GHB are increasingly popular in urban areas of Indiana such as Fort Wayne.

Juveniles

➤ During 1997, there were 121 juvenile drug abuse violations in Allen County. This number decreased to 95 during 1998.²³

Juvenile Drug/Alcohol Arrests, Allen County, 1997-1998

Arrests	1997	1998
Drug abuse violations	121	95
Driving under the influence	0	0
Liquor law violations	129	171
Drunkenness	8	15

Enforcement

As of October 31, 2002, there were 549 law enforcement personnel in Fort Wayne (413 officers and 136 civilians).²⁴

Trafficking and Seizures

- ➤ The Fort Wayne Police Department seizure fund increased 33% from \$102,000 during 2001 to \$136,000 during 2002.²⁵
- Approximately 80% of the powder cocaine shipped into the Fort Wayne area is converted to crack cocaine. 26
- ➤ Mexican drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) are the primary transporters and wholesalers of cocaine in Indiana.²⁷
- ➤ The Gangster Disciples, Vice Lords, and several Hispanic gangs control powder and crack cocaine retail distribution in Fort Wayne and throughout Allen County. ²⁸
- Mexican DTOs are the primary wholesalers of methamphetamine in Fort Wayne.²⁹
- ➤ The Outlaws Motorcycle Club are the primary wholesale and retail distributors of methamphetamine in Fort Wayne.³⁰
- ➤ The Fort Wayne Police Department reports that outlaw motorcycle gangs distribute marijuana at the wholesale level in Fort Wayne.³¹
- ➤ Mexican DTOs are primarily responsible for the wholesale and retail distribution of heroin in the Fort Wayne area.³²

- ➤ The Fort Wayne Police Department reports that Caucasian males primarily distribute blotter acid and psychedelic mushrooms.³³
- ➤ The Fort Wayne Police Department reports that healthcare professionals retail 30% of the hydrocodone and hydromorphone used in the Fort Wayne area.³⁴

Courts

➤ Drug Courts³⁵

As of November 2003, there was one drug court operating for over 2 years in Fort Wayne. There were no additional drug courts being planned in Fort Wayne.

Consequences of Use

- During 1995, there were 98 alcohol and drug-related deaths in Allen County. 36
- ➤ Between 1993 to 1997, of the 170 new HIV/AIDS cases in Allen County, 14.7% were injection drug related.³⁷
- ➤ During 1995, there were 418 alcohol related crash injuries and 10 alcohol related crash fatalities in Allen County. ³⁸

Treatment

➤ During 1998, 5,559 people in Allen County were in need of substance abuse treatment.³⁹

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